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## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.56 AND 1.97

It is respectfully requested that the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 be considered by the Patent and Trademark Office in the above-entitled application and made of record therein. Full text copies of the relevant documents are enclosed.

For the foreign language documents, an English language abstract is provided.

JP 10237497 describes a bleaching activator which comprises at least one member selected among bisimide ether carboxylic acid-type and bis-ether carboxylic acid-type compounds of the formulas described in the patent.

JP 03261779 describes compounds which are useful as electro optical elements after being blended with a liquid crystal compound. These compounds have the formula

described in the patent and one example is 3-(6-hexyl-5,6-dihydro-2H-pyranyl)methyl 4-(4-decyloxyphenyl)-benzoate of formula II.

JP 06073045 describes a new compound useful as a highly selective ion sensor and has the formula I described in the patent.

The Examiner is requested to indicate consideration of this art on the attached PTO-1449 (Modified) by initialing next to each item submitted by the Applicants.

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